

MMS BAND PROGRAM



August 2016

Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome to a new year in the Mansfield Middle School Band Program! I am excited to be working with you this year. I look forward to a musically rewarding experience at all levels of our work together.

Rehearsal Schedule:

Junior Band (grades 5 and 6) meets on **Tuesdays and Fridays** during X-Block,
Concert Band (grades 7 and 8) meets on **Mondays and Thursdays** during X-Block,
Jazz Band (grades 7 and 8) meets on **Wednesdays** during X and **Mondays after school**.
In addition each student will be assigned to a weekly instrumental lesson group.

“Growth is never by mere chance; it is the result of forces working together.”

(James Cash Penney) This is very true in ensemble music making! I want to encourage each of you to work individually on your musical growth, not only for your own advancement, but for the good of the whole band and the level of excellence and artistry we can achieve together. There isn't anything we cannot accomplish!

Please add these dates to your calendar:

Eastern Region Music Festival Auditions (select students gr. 6-8): Saturday, November 12th

Winter Band Concert: Wednesday, December 7th, 7:00 pm

Winter Band School Assembly: Thursday, December 8th, 9:00 am

Spring Band Concert: Wednesday, May 10th, 7:00 pm

Spring Band School Assembly: Thursday, May 11th, 9:00 am

Memorial Day Parade: Monday, May 29th

MMS Clinic Festival (Grades 7 and 8): June 2nd, am performances and pm trip to Six Flags

More specific details will be provided for these events as they approach. Please be aware of the **concert dress** required for all band students. All ensemble members will wear **black pants** (no skirts, unless floor length), **white shirt** (short-sleeved, ¾ sleeve, or long sleeve are all acceptable, but no sleeveless/tank), and black shoes/sneakers/sandals (no flip-flops). Please acquire your concert dress clothing well in advance of our December performance. The MMS music tee shirt is required for the Memorial Day Parade, the MMS Clinic Festival, and the MMS Pep Rally. Information for purchase will be distributed in January.

I am eager to begin working with you!

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Corriveau